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Applicant and Sole Inventor: William S. Lerner

Title: **ENHANCED VISIBILITY HEAT ALERT SAFETY DEVICE FOR HOT SURFACES**

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ENHANCED VISIBILITY HEAT ALERT SAFETY DEVICE FOR HOT SURFACES, the specification of which is attached hereto, and which has been assigned patent application no. 10/646174.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, CFR, Section 1.56(a).

I claim priority of my previously filed and pending U.S. patent application no. 09/788,594 filed on February 21, 2001 and I claim priority of my previously filed and pending U.S. patent application no. 10/238,348 filed September 10, 2002 and I claim priority of my previously filed and pending U.S. patent application no. 10/612315 filed July 1, 2003. All three pending applications are by Applicant William S. Lerner.

I hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute the application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Steven Horowitz, Registration no. 31,768. Address all telephone calls to Steven Horowitz at (212) 867-6800. Address all correspondence to Steven Horowitz, Counselor At Law, 295 Madison Avenue, Suite 700, New York, New York 10017.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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